Madhya Pradesh continue to present serious hazards to traffic;

(b) if so, the number and details of such level crossings;

(c) the number and details of level crossing accidents in Maharashtra/ Gujarat/Madhya Pradesh during 1991-92 onwards each year and the current year so far; indicating the number of persons killed or seriously injured; and

(d) the number of level crossings in the State manned/mechanised or provided with road over-bridges during these years and those proposed to be so manned, mechanised or provided with over bridges during the rest of the Eight Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Details of level crossing accidents in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh and casualities therein during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 (upto July, 1995).

State	Year	No. of level crossings accidents	No. of persons killed	No. of persons injured
Maharashtra	1991-92	1	—	6
Gujarat	1991-92	3	8	48
Madya Pradesh	1991-92	3	16	58
Maharashtra	1992-93	1	1	1
Gujarat	1992-93	7	11	15
Madhya Pradesh	1992-93	6	10	1
Maharashtra	1993-94	2	42	53
Gujarat	1993-94	9	17	54
Madhya Pradesh	1993-94	6	10	41
Maharashtra	1994-95	6	9	12
Gujarat	1994-95	7	8	22
Madhya Pradesh	1994-95	—	—	—
Maharashtra	1995-96*	2	5	9
Gujarat	1995-96*	—	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	1995-96*	—	—	—

*Figures for 1995-96 are provisional.

(d) Number of level crossings manned/ mechanised or provided with road over bridges during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and planned for rest of 8th Five Year Plan.

State	Year	Manned	Mechnised (Providing lifting barrier)	Replaced by Road Over Bridge
Maharashtra	1991-92	5	7	1
Gujarat	1991-92	2	3	—
Madya Pradesh	1991-92	—	3	3
Maharashtra	1992-93	2	7	2
Gujarat	1992-93	—	15	—
Madhya Pradesh	1992-93	1	2	—
Maharashtra	1993-94	2	14	2
Gujarat	1993-94	—	1	1
Madhya Pradesh	1993-94	2	2	2
Maharashtra	1994-95	35	7	3
Gujarat	1994-95	54	8	—
Madhya Pradesh	1994-95	40	—	1
Maharashtra	1995-96	—	16	—
Gujarat	1995-96	—	—	—
Madhya Pradesh	1995-96	—	1	1

During rest of the 8th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to replace 3 level crossings in Maharashtra, 1 in Gujarat and 3 in Madhya Pradesh by Road over bridges. There is no proposal to man/mechanise any of the level crossings in these States.

National Perspective Plan for different schemes for food processing industries

1655. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not fixed any physical targets for schemes formulated by it;

(b) if so, how the figures were indicated in the Demands for Grants for the year 1995-96;

(c) whether any National Perspective Plan covering different meat and poultry processing and consumer industries were prepared;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Physical targets for some of the schemes have been fixed and estimation of number of proposals that could be assisted with the available outlay have also been made. The

Ministry does not set up any unit directly in any State, but provides assistance for viable project proposals received from different States. These proposals very in size and nature and, therefore, the quantum of assistance to be extended for these proposals also varies subject to certain limits as has been laid down in the Plan schemes as well as the availability of funds under the Plan schemes.

(c) to (e) For preparation of a national perspective plan for food processing industries, an Expert Committee headed by the Member, Planning Commission and 41 members has been constituted.

Environment and Forestry Development Project in Gujarat

1656. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had undertaken some environment and forestry development projects in Gujarat State including the tribal areas during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the progress made so far in each case;

(c) the assistance provided in each case; and

(d) the projects likely to be started in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The details of the Environmental and Forestry Projects undertaken by the Government in Gujarat during the last two years 1993-94 and 1994-95 alongwith achievements, both Financial and Physical, are given in the statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix 174, Annexeure No. 37]

(d) The Projects are continuing in nature.

पनबिजली परियोजनाओं के निर्माण की मंजूरी

1657. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पर्यावरण के पहलू को ध्यान में रखते हुए किसी पनबिजली परियोजना को प्रारम्भ करने से पूर्व पर्यावरण संबंधी मंजूरी प्राप्त करना अनिवार्य होता है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सिक्किम में 30 मेगावाट की रथोंग-चू पनबिजली परियोजना यकसम का निर्माण कार्य बिना पर्यावरण मंजूरी के ही आरम्भ कर दिया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इसके निर्माण कार्य के आरम्भ से पूर्व पर्यावरण संतुलन बिगड़ने से संबंधित अनियमितताओं की ओर दिलाया गया था; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं। इस परियोजना को पर्यावरण मंजूरी दिसम्बर, 1992 में दी गई थी।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Accrual from Road Transport Taxation

1658. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the accrual from road transport taxation during the last three years;

(b) what has been the pattern of disbursement to various authorities out of this accrual during these years;

(c) whether it is a fact that for the Central Sector roads, the allocation out of these accruals have been meagre, despite large requirements for maintenance as well as for new roads etc; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and in what manner the requirements of the Central Sector roads are being met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are no accruals to the Central Government from Road Taxation. Under the Constitution of India, the taxation on Road Transport is within the purview of the State Government. The revenue collected by way of road taxation goes to the concerned State exchequer and forms a part of the State revenue.